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SUBJECT: BOURGUIBA INTERVIEW TO EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS

REF: TUNIS 6667

LOCAL PRESS ON DECEMBER 2 CARRIED RESUME OF INTERVIEW  
BOURGUIBA GAVE DECEMBER 1 TO JOURNALISTS REPRESENTING  
EGYPTIAN PAPERS AL AHAM AND AKHBAR AL YOM. INTERVIEW  
COVERED NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS, SOME OF WHICH  
HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ENUNCIATED BY BOURGUIBA (1947 UN  
RESOLUTION, E.G.), AND INCLUDED FOLLOWING AS REPORTED  
IN LOCAL PRESS:

A. IT WAS USEFUL ARAB COUNTRIES TO FURNISH  
OIL TO FRIENDLY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ESTABLISH  
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CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THEM SINCE EEC WAS DISPOSED

TO COOPERATION WITH NORTH AFRICA AND TUNISIA WHICH  
SERVE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN EUROPE, AND ARAB WORLD AND  
AFRICA.

B. PRESENCE OF JORDAN AT PEACE CONFERENCE WAS  
NOT NECESSARY. PEACE PROSPECTS DEPEND ON ISRAEL.  
(COMMENT WAS IN REFERENCE TO PARTICIPATION OF  
PALESTINIANS AT CONFERENCE.)

C. TWO MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALGIERS SUMMIT WERE  
RECOGNITION OF PLO AS ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN  
PEOPLE AND CONSIDERATION OF ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION.  
IN LATTER REGARD HE SAID HE WOULD BE VISITING NIGERIA  
IN ADDITION TO ALREADY ANNOUNCE VISIT TO ZAIRE, SENEGAL,  
MAURITANIA AND IVORY COAST REPORTED REFTEL.

D. ARAB COUNTRIES SHOULD USE PETROLEUM TO TRAIN  
LEADERSHIP (CADRES) WHICH THEY NEED AND TO MANUFACTURE  
NECESSARY WEAPONS SO THAT THEY NO LONGER WILL BE AT  
MERCY OF US OR USSR FOR ARMAMENTS.

E. PRESIDENT WILL VISIT EGYPT. SYRIA AND IRAQ  
NEXT SPRING. REFTEL).  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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